(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far this would help to have a better edge over private operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) A plan outlay of Rs. 12,340.00 crores is proposed for the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-2012) which is under consideration of Planning Commission and not yet finalized.

(c) The proposed schemes will enable to department to capitalize on its strength, utilize the market opportunities and face challenges such as competition with private operators. Since this can be done only by improving services and adapting them to the needs of a rapidly evolving and increase technology-driven world, the main focus of the plan is on computerization of financial and non-financial activities and further development of information technology-based services that can garner substantial revenues.

Subsidy for e-waste recycling

4608. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide subsidy for e-waste recycling units;

(b) how Government are responding to the concerns of environmentalists that recycling of e-waste could create health hazards; and

(c) the number of e-waste recycling units which are functioning in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) e-waste is regulated under the Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 as amended in 2003. Adequate provisions have been made under these rules to regulate all activities pertaining to e-waste. The residues and wastes generated from the operations in

electronic industry are considered as hazardous wastes and are listed at Sl. No. 31 of Schedule 1 of these rules Such units are required to take authorization from the State Pollution Control Boards. Further, as per the provisions of these rules Electrical and Electronics Assemblies are covered under Categories A-1180 and B-1110 in Schedule 3 which are applicable for import and export of hazardous wastes. The import of wastes under this category are only permitted for direct reuse and not for recycling or final disposal.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has undertaken a study for the preparation of "Guideline Document for Environmentally Sound Recycling of e-waste" for the State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committee of the Union Territories and the industries for handling e-waste.

(c) M/s E-Parisaraa (Pvt.) Ltd., Bangalore and M/s Trishyiaraya (Pvt.) Ltd., Chennai are the only known e-waste recycling units in the organized sector.

Cases pending before TDSAT

4609. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases pending before Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT); and

(b) the action taken to dispose them of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) A total number of 377 cases including 247 petitions, 17 appeals, 4 review petitions, 2 cases on remand from Hon'ble Supreme Court, 14 execution applications and 93 miscellaneous applications are pending before Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) as on 7th May, 2007. A detailed statement showing institution, disposal and pendency of cases filed/ received on transfer from Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, in TDSAT, since its inception and till 7th May, 2007 is enclosed (*See* below).

(b) TDSAT has decided to list at least 5 of those cases, where pleadings are complete, daily for "hearing" before Hon'ble Bench of TDSAT to ensure speedy disposal of pending cases.